(b) what amount has been actually spent in the festival; and

(c) the amount received from the sale of tickets in the festival?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) The budget provision for the Second Bharat Rang Mahotsav 2000 organised during March-April this year was Rs. 64.79 lakhs.

(b) The School has already incurred an expenditure of Rs. 59,99,527.

(c) The receipts from sale of tickets for the festival is Rs. 2,73,885.

Excavation at Fatehpur Sikri

3865. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Archaeological Survey of India is excavating a site near Fatehpur Sikri;

(b) if so, the details of the findings thereof;

(c) the conclusions sought to be drawn by Chairman of the Indian Archaeological Society thereof; and

(d) whether such efforts are aimed at "rectify" history and will be extended to other heritage sites?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes sir, the ongoing excavation by the Archaeological survey of India at Bir Chhabili-ka-tila in Fatehpur Sikri in District Agra has yielded thirty-four pieces of sculptures. Some of them are of the Jain Tirthankaras namely, Rishabhanatha, Sambhavanatha, and Kunthunatha, and a few are of Jain Goddesses Ambika and Saraswati, all dateable to the 9th-10th century A. D.

(c) and (d) Archaeological Survey of India is not concerned with the personal views of any non-Governmental body or individual.

Historical Monuments in Maharashtra

3866. SHRI SURYABHAN PATIL VAHADANE : Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of historical monuments in Maharashtra State which have been identified as heritage sites;

(b) whether some of them are in a neglect state due to necessary protection not given by the Archaeological Survey of India;

(c) if so, the details therof; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to protect such heritage sites in Maharashtra?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) There are 285 centrally protected monuments/sites in Maharashtra. Of these, Ajanta, Ellora and Elephanta caves have been declared as World Heritage Sites by the UNESCO.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Apart from carrying out regular maintenence and repairs the Archaeological Survey of India carries out special repairs as and when required depending on the specific requirement of the monument/heritage sites subject to the availability of funds.

Capital Gains Tax

3867. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI :

SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether there is any decision is under consideration with Government for the reduced rate of Capital Gains tax under Income-tax Act 1961 Section 112 in the Union Budget of 2000-2001;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government has also decided to remove the discrimination so as to enable private sectors/Indian companies as well as to have a level playing fielid to enable them also to have degree of acess to capital also as to enable them as well to grow thereby perform their part in the growth and prosperity of the nation; and

(d) the measures taken by Government in this direction as on date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI V. DHANANJAYA KUMAR) : (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Clause 46 of the Finance Bill, 2000 contains a proposal for reducing the rate of tax from 20% to 10%